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It was most pleasant to talk with you during my trip in December. I am glad to have had the opportunity to share with you some of the experiences of [REDACTED] here as well as to find out your problems in dealing with us.

Your request for a statement on our basic mission was reported to my superiors who took a great interest in it. They have long felt the need for a statement which could guide the academic community and, in fact, have been working on one for some months. Your request was, therefore, welcomed as it served to underscore the need for information.

Notwithstanding the considerable delay, this omission has had our constant attention since my return. You can well understand that, because of the delicate nature of our mission, it is a tough problem to obtain release of a definitive statement. We are aware that it would be most desirable to place such a statement in the hands of key people in the academic world having a legitimate interest in our work. As yet, however, we have not been able to formulate a statement which will be meaningful and will also satisfy security requirements. As an interim arrangement, we have been authorized to discuss our job in personal contacts with interested faculty students so the next time I see you I will be able to talk somewhat more frankly. Meanwhile, you might find interesting the enclosed verbatim texts of speeches delivered by Mr. Allen W. Dulles, which have been released for transmittal to you.

I look forward to seeing you the next time you are in Washington.

Yours sincerely,

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